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Applicants: ELDRIDGE et al.

Serial No.: 09/781,833

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Title: METHOD FOR FORMING  
MICROELECTRONIC SPRING  
STRUCTURES ON A SUBSTRATE

Art Unit: 2812

Examiner:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please relabel Figs. 19A-19C per the attached proposed corrected drawings.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is responsive to the "NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS" dated April 3, 2001. In the Notice to File Missing Parts, substitute drawings were required, and the omission of Figs. 23A-23C was noted. By the drawing corrections proposed herein, all of these conditions related to the drawings are fully addressed, and no further amendments or substitute drawings should be required. The proposed corrections are explained as follows.

In the originally filed application, Figs. 23A-23C were omitted, and Figs. 19, 19A, 19B, and 19C were included in the drawings. Applicants propose relabeling Figs. 19A-19C on sheet 15 as Figs. 23A-23C, respectively. Applicants further propose reordering the corrected drawing sheets so that the relabeled Figs. 23A-23C (originally on sheet 15 as Figs. 19A-19C) now appear on sheet 17, Figs. 19, 21A-21D, and 22 (originally on sheet 16) now appear on sheet 15, and Figs. 20A-20E (originally on sheet 17) now appear on sheet 16. A copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink is attached hereto. When the drawings are amended as proposed, no amendments to the text of the specification are necessary to ensure that the specification corresponds to the drawing figures. By the foregoing amendments, no new matter has been added. The Applicants respectfully request that the relabeled drawings be entered.

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While the Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in the fees, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Proposed Corrected Drawings (1 Sheet)

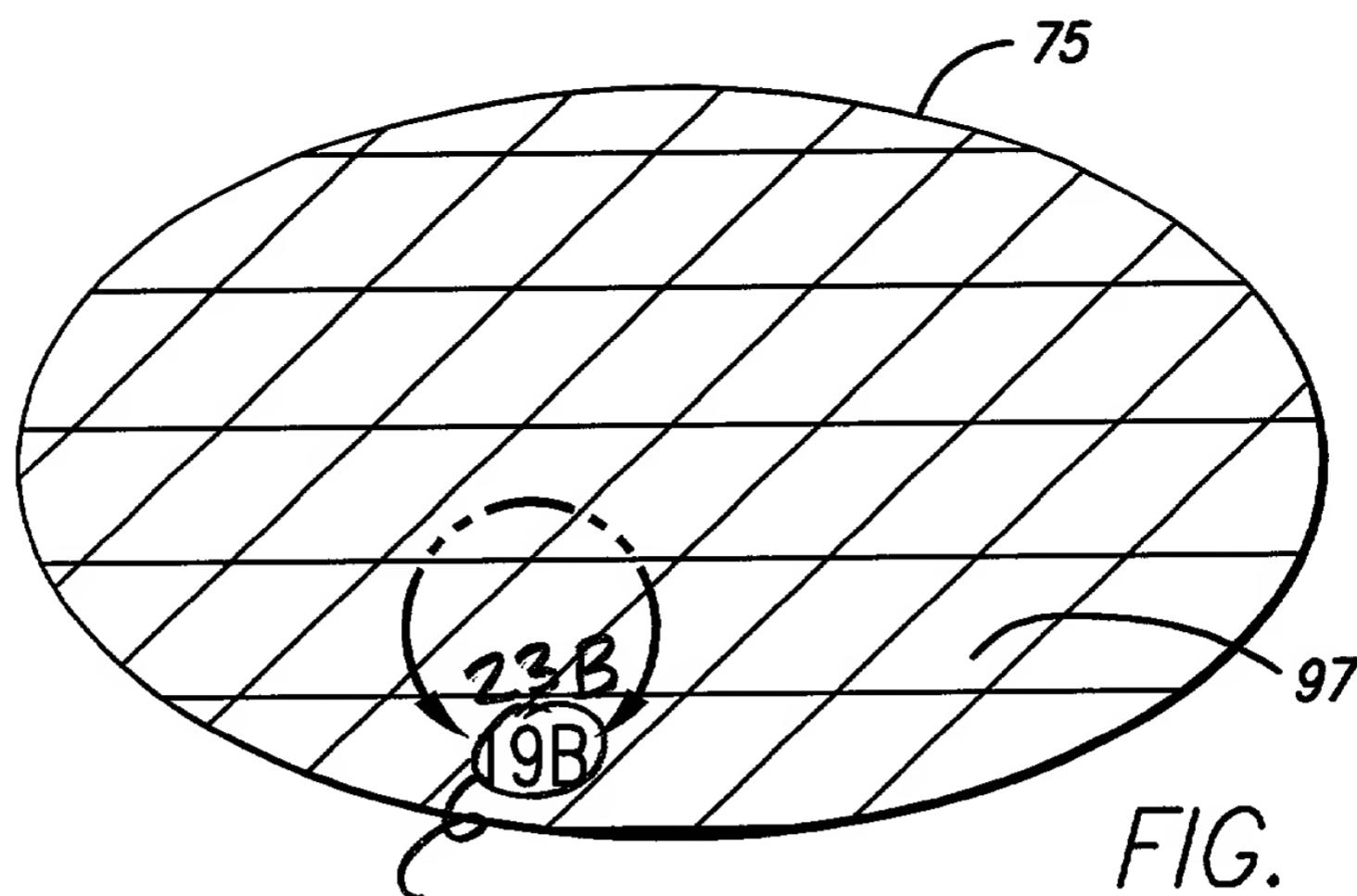


FIG. 23B

19A  
23A

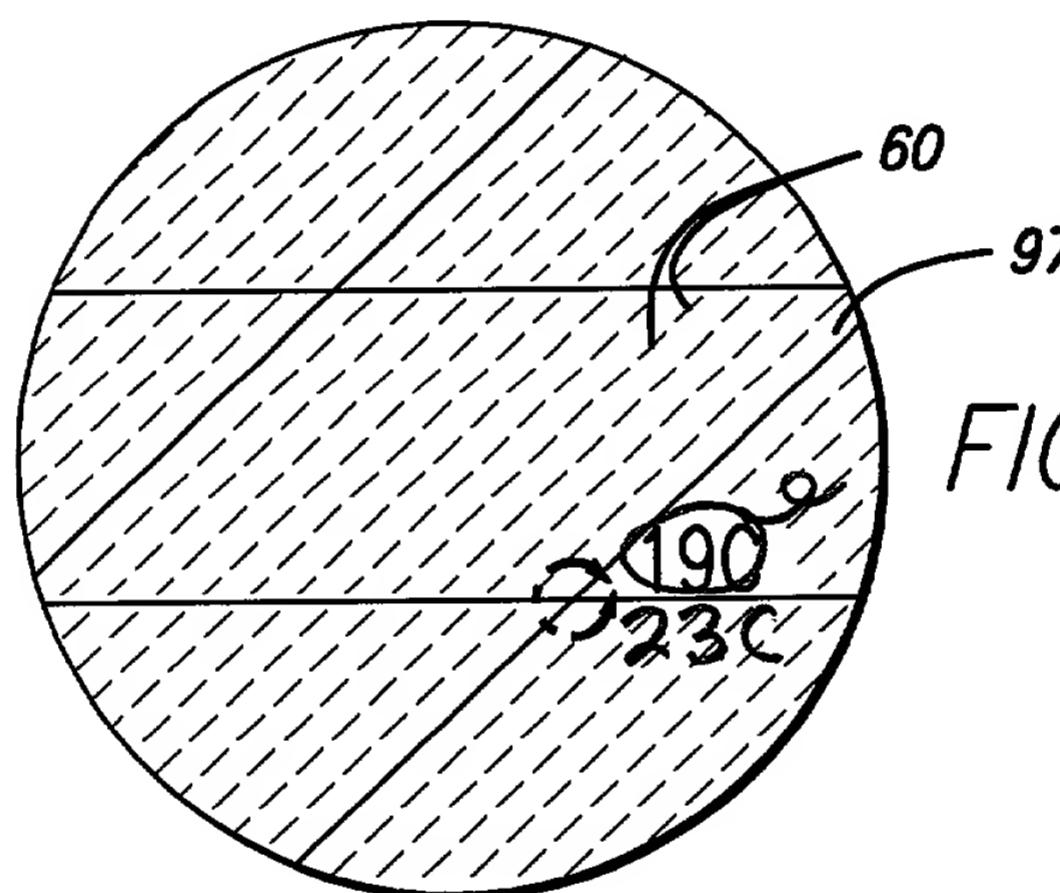


FIG. 23C

19B  
23C

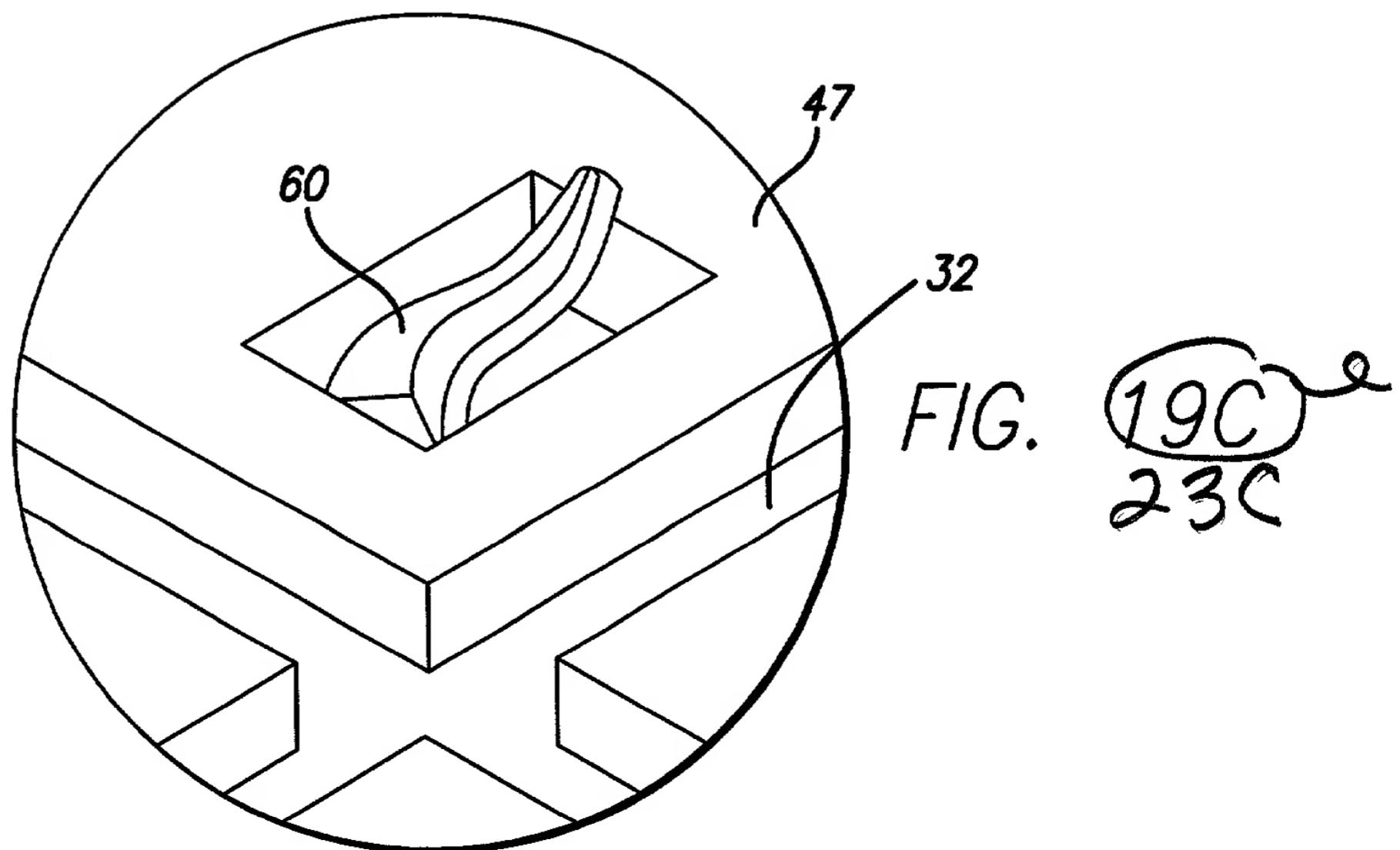


FIG. 23D

19C  
23D